

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7007

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate Constitution Day.

WHEREAS, in the history of these United States, few moments stand out in magnitude and historical significance as does the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America, the document that frames our government and has guided our development as a nation for more than 200 years; and

WHEREAS, signed by thirty-nine delegates, members of the Constitutional Convention that convened in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 17, 1787, the Constitution has served as a shining beacon of enlightened government for more than two centuries; and

WHEREAS, observed every year on September 17, Constitution Day commemorates the founding and signing of the United States Constitution and recognizes all who have become citizens by being born in the United States or by naturalization; and

WHEREAS, this celebration of the Constitution was initiated by the Daughters of the American Revolution, as this illustrious group petitioned Congress and won passage of Public Law 915 in 1956; and

WHEREAS, the aims of Constitution Day are to emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation of our way of life, and encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; and

WHEREAS, the 917 Society, a nonprofit organization founded in Tennessee, is dedicated to empowering young people to learn about their constitutional rights, to celebrate their citizenship, and to embrace the freedoms that make America so special; and

WHEREAS, at the heart of the organization's mission is a commitment to provide every eighth grader in the United States with a durable pocket Constitution, free of charge, in honor of Constitution Day on September 17; by placing this powerful document in the hands of our nation's youth, the 917 Society hopes to inspire students to understand and appreciate the vital role that the Constitution plays in our daily lives; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that we celebrate this magnificent document on the anniversary of its creation and officially recognize the patriotic activities that will commemorate the occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the citizens of Tennessee and the United States of America in celebrating Constitution Day on September 17, 2023, and commend the noble endeavors of those who seek to educate our nation's youth on the significance of the United States Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.